

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 18, lines 11-16, with the following paragraph:

Figs. 62A – 62C shows the composite sequence of the HCV cDNA sense strand deduced from overlapping clones b114a, 18g, ag30a, CA205a, CA290a, CA216a, pi14a, CA167b, CA156e, CA84a, CA59a, K9-1 (also called k9-1), 26j, 13i, 12f, 14i, 11b, 7f, 7e, 8h, 33c, 40b, 37b, 35, 36, 81, 32, 33b, 25c, 14c, 8f, 33f, 33g, 39c, 35f, 19g, 26g, 15e, b5a, and 16jh. Fig. 62A shows nucleotides 1-3540 of the HCV cDNA sense strand. Fig. 62B shows nucleotides 3541-6300 of the HCV cDNA sense strand. Fig. 62C shows nucleotides 6301-9185 of the HCV cDNA sense strand.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 18, lines 17-18, with the following paragraph:

Figs. 62D – 62J shows the composite sequence of the HCV cDNA sense strand of Figs. 62A – 62C, but also includes the complementary strand. Fig. 62D shows base pairs 1-1320 of HCV cDNA. Fig. 62E shows base pairs 1321-2640 of HCV cDNA. Fig. 62F shows base pairs 2641-3960 of HCV cDNA. Fig. 62G shows base pairs 3961-5280 of HCV cDNA. Fig. 62H shows base pairs 5281-6600 of HCV cDNA. Fig. 62I shows base pairs 6601-7920 of HCV cDNA. Fig. 62J shows base pairs 7921-9185 of HCV cDNA.